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MAY CROP REPORT

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ **Winter wheat production** was forecast at 1.56 billion bushels, up 37 percent from 2002.
- ★ **Winter wheat harvested acreage** was forecast at 36.4 million acres, up 23 percent from last season.
- ★ **Winter wheat yield** was forecast at 42.9 bushels per acre, 4.4 bushels more than last year.
- ★ **Kansas**, the number one wheat state, was expecting 388.0 million bushels, up 45 percent from 2002.

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Winter wheat production by farmers in 2003 was forecast at 17.7 million bushels. The expected crop for 2003 was down 2 percent from the previous year and the smallest production since 1991. The smaller crop resulted from a decrease in the expected acreage harvested for grain. Based

on crop conditions as of May 1 and assuming a normal growing season, farmers expect a yield of 59 bushels per acre, up 6 bushels from the 2002 crop. Farmers seeded 480,000 acres in the fall of 2002 and intend to harvest 300,000 acres for grain this year. Harvested acreage was down 40,000 acres from a year earlier and the smallest harvested acreage in 17 years. The 180,000 acres of winter wheat not harvested for grain was plowed down prior to setting tobacco and/or will be cut as grain hay or silage.

The winter wheat crop was good going into the winter. The 2002/2003 winter was colder than the previous but little winter kill was reported. Development this spring was behind that of previous years. As of May 4, 50 percent of the wheat crop had headed 4 percent behind the previous year and 11 percent behind the 5 year average. Condition of the crop was mostly good to excellent. Yields looked very promising as of May 1. Developing plants will need adequate moisture and good growing weather during May and June for the crop to develop into a good yielding crop.

WINTER WHEAT, SELECTED STATES & U.S., MAY 1, 2003

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION		
	2002	Ind. 2003	2002	Ind. 2003	2001	2002	Ind. 2002
	(1,000 Acres)		(Bushels)		(1,000 Bushels)		
Colorado	1,650	2,200	22.0	30.0	66,000	36,300	66,000
Illinois	650	780	49.0	56.0	43,920	31,850	43,680
Indiana	330	420	53.0	64.0	25,080	17,490	26,880
Kansas	8,100	9,700	33.0	40.0	328,000	267,300	388,000
KENTUCKY	340	300	53.0	59.0	23,760	18,020	17,700
Missouri	760	780	45.0	51.0	41,040	34,200	39,780
Montana	750	1,700	28.0	36.0	19,140	21,000	61,200
Nebraska	1,520	1,650	32.0	38.0	59,200	48,640	62,700
Ohio	810	960	62.0	68.0	60,300	50,220	65,280
Oklahoma	3,500	4,700	28.0	34.0	122,100	98,000	159,800
Oregon	710	940	41.0	53.0	28,000	29,110	49,820
Tennessee	300	300	46.0	52.0	18,360	13,800	15,600
Texas	2,700	3,700	29.0	31.0	108,800	78,300	114,700
Washington	1,750	1,800	59.0	62.0	106,750	103,250	111,600
U.S.	29,651	36,447	38.5	42.9	1,361,479	1,142,802	1,563,314

FINAL 2002 TOBACCO

BURLEY: The final 2002 burley tobacco production estimate for **Kentucky** was 197.2 million pounds, down 11 percent from the 220.5 million pounds produced in 2001 and the smallest crop since 1936. Drought and disease problems were the major reasons for the smaller burley crop. The final production estimate reflects marketing adjusted for carryover but does not include unharvested or destroyed poundage. Carryover tobacco not sold was estimated at 8 million pounds, 15 million pounds lower than the 2001 crop carryover. Harvested acreage was estimated at 103,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from the previous year and the smallest on record. Burley tobacco acreage records started in 1919. Yield per acre was estimated at 1,915 pounds per acre, down 185 pounds from the previous year. A wet spring was followed by a very dry summer in the major burley producing areas. Black Shank and Blue Mold caused problems with drought stressed tobacco, reducing both yield and quality. Average price received per pound was 198.0 cents per pound, up .3 cents from the previous year, a new record high price. Tobacco continued to be sold by two methods, auction market and direct contract.

Burley production for the **8-State Burley Belt** totaled 300.1 million pounds, down 10 percent from the previous year. Kentucky, the leading producer of burley tobacco, produced 66 percent of all burley grown in the United States.

DARK TOBACCO: Production of **Kentucky** dark tobacco was down for all four types grown. Large supplies after several good crops resulted in a sharp reduction for 2002 in acreage quota that farmers can set and harvest. Type 22 fire-cured production, at 7.74 million pounds, was down 31 percent from the 2001 crop. Production of Type 23 fire-cured, at 8.76 million pounds, was down 18 percent from 2001. One sucker, Type 35 air-cured production was down 20 percent from the 2001 crop and totaled 6.30 million pounds. Green River, Type 36 air-cured production was 2.94 million pounds, down 32 percent from a year earlier. The prices received for all four dark tobacco types were up from the previous year. Producers sold most of their crop right out of the barn with very little going to the auction market. The market year average price for Type 22 was 239.8 cents per pound up 20.3 cents from the 2001 crop. Type 23, at 236.2 cents per pound, climbed 26.1 cents, Type 35, at 213.5 cents was up 30.0 cents and Type 36, at 206.1 cents per pound was 23.9 cents above the 2001 average.

TOBACCO ACREAGE, YIELD, PRODUCTION & PRICE PER POUND, BY TYPE, STATE & U.S.

Type & State	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production		Market Yr. Avg. Price Per Lb.	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	Rec'd by Farmers	
							2001	2002
		(Acres)	(Pounds)		(1,000 Pounds)		(Cents)	
BURLEY, TYPE 31								
KENTUCKY	105,000	103,000	2,100	1,915	220,500	197,245	197.7	198.0
Indiana	4,200	4,000	2,250	2,000	9,450	8,000	194.4	194.4
Missouri	1,300	1,300	2,370	2,385	3,081	3,081	189.5	190.0
N. Carolina	6,700	6,300	1,600	1,500	10,720	9,450	195.0	194.8
Ohio	6,100	5,500	1,960	1,750	11,956	9,625	193.8	196.3
Tennessee	32,000	30,000	2,000	1,900	64,000	57,000	197.7	196.8
Virginia	7,700	7,200	1,620	1,900	12,474	13,680	197.9	197.5
W. Virginia	1,300	1,300	1,450	1,500	1,885	1,950	196.0	196.7
U.S.	164,300	158,600	2,033	1,892	334,066	300,051	197.3	197.4
FIRE CURED, TYPE 22								
KENTUCKY	3,300	2,450	3,400	3,160	11,220	7,742	219.5	239.8
Tennessee	6,500	5,000	3,000	3,110	19,500	15,550	215.4	237.4
U.S.	9,800	7,450	3,135	3,126	30,720	23,292	216.9	238.2
FIRE CURED, TYPE 23								
KENTUCKY	3,100	2,400	3,460	3,650	10,726	8,760	210.1	236.2
Tennessee	520	390	3,175	3,550	1,651	1,385	210.2	240.8
U.S.	3,620	2,790	3,419	3,636	12,377	10,145	210.1	236.8
ONE SUCKER, TYPE 35								
KENTUCKY	2,750	2,100	2,875	3,000	7,906	6,300	183.5	213.5
Tennessee	670	510	2,600	2,600	1,742	1,326	181.5	202.9
U.S.	3,420	2,610	2,821	2,922	9,648	7,626	183.1	211.7
GREEN RIVER, TYPE 36								
KENTUCKY	1,550	1,150	2,775	2,560	4,301	2,944	182.2	206.1
ALL TOBACCO								
KENTUCKY	115,700	111,100	2,201	2,007	254,653	222,991	198.5	201.5
U.S.	432,310	428,660	2,293	2,055	991,223	880,734	195.7	193.7

ANNUAL DAIRY PRODUCTS

Butter production in the United States during 2002 totaled 1.36 billion pounds, 10.0 percent above 2001. California accounted for 28.0 percent of the production, followed by Wisconsin with 25.3 percent.

Total cheese production, excluding cottage cheeses, was 8.60 billion pounds, 4.1 percent above 2001 production. Wisconsin was the leading State with 26.0 percent of the production. American type cheese production was 3.71 billion pounds, 4.7 percent above 2001 and accounted for 43.1 percent of total cheese in 2002. Italian varieties, with 3.51 billion pounds were 2.4 percent above 2001 production. Mozzarella accounted for 80.2 percent of the Italian production followed by Provolone with 7.5 percent and Ricotta with 6.8 percent. Wisconsin was the leading State in Italian cheese production with 27.7 percent of the production.

Ice cream production was mixed in 2002. Regular ice cream production totaled 989 million gallons, up 1.9 percent from 2001. Lowfat ice cream, at 362 million gallons, down 4.9 percent. Nonfat dry milk for human food production, at 1.57 billion pounds, was up 11.0 percent from 2001. Dry whole milk, at 47 million pounds, was up 15.1 percent.

Kentucky plants produced 12.7 million pounds of cottage cheese curd in 2002, down 14 percent from 2001. Lowfat cottage cheese production totaled 7.6 million pounds, down 20 percent from 2001. Creamed cottage cheese production totaled 15.4 million pounds, down 11 percent from last year. Seventeen Kentucky plants produced one or more dairy products in 2002. Totals for most dairy products manufactured in Kentucky are not published to avoid disclosing individual plant production.

U. S. DAIRY PRODUCTS, MARCH 2003

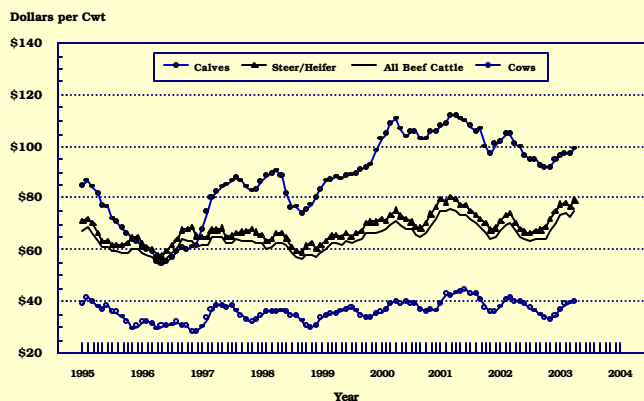
PRODUCT	Mar. 2002	Feb. 2003 <u>1/</u>	Mar. 2003	Percent of Mar. Feb. 2002 2003	
	(000) Pounds			Percent	
BUTTER	127,695	128,362	126,553	99	99
CHEESE					
American Types <u>2/</u>	322,054	285,649	315,948	98	111
Mozzarella	246,569	218,084	243,079	99	111
All Other Types <u>3/</u>	174,141	149,783	174,077	100	116
Total	742,764	653,516	733,104	99	112
	(000) Gallons			Percent	
FROZEN PRODUCTS					
Ice Cream (Hard)	75,823	70,615	73,363	97	104
Frozen Yogurt (Total)	6,696	5,505	5,792	86	105
MIX FOR FROZEN					
Ice Cream Mix	44,508	40,966	44,839	101	109
Yogurt Mix	3,694	3,238	3,407	92	105

1/ Revised. 2/ Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack. 3/ Includes Swiss, cream and all other types.
Excludes cottage cheese.

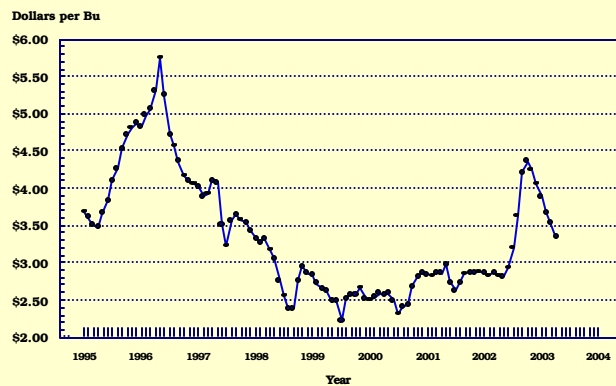
2002 POULTRY - PRODUCTION & VALUE, KENTUCKY & U.S.

ITEM	KENTUCKY		2002 % of 2001	UNITED STATES		2002 % of 2001
	2001	2002		2001	2002	
BROILERS						
Numbers Produced (000)	253,400	269,900	107	8,389,090	8,590,180	102
Pounds Produced (000)	1,292,300	1,403,500	109	42,445,800	44,050,400	104
Live Weight Equiv. \$/lb.	0.390	0.300	77	0.393	0.305	78
Value of Production (000)	503,997	421,050	84	16,693,515	13,434,771	80
EGG PRODUCTION						
Eggs Produced (million)	933	921	99	85,745	86,698	101
Price Per Dozen (dollars)	0.935	0.801	86	0.622	0.590	95
Value of Production (000)	72,696	61,477	85	4,446,312	4,262,662	96
CHICKENS						
Number Sold (000)	2,800	3,217	115	199,862	198,035	99
Pounds Sold (000)	16,520	19,945	121	1,016,708	1,032,685	102
Price per Pound (dollars)	0.060	0.063	105	0.045	0.047	104
Value of Sales (000 dollars)	991	1,257	127	46,353	49,023	106

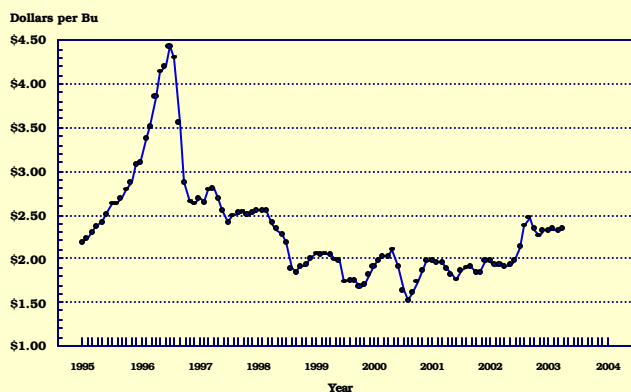
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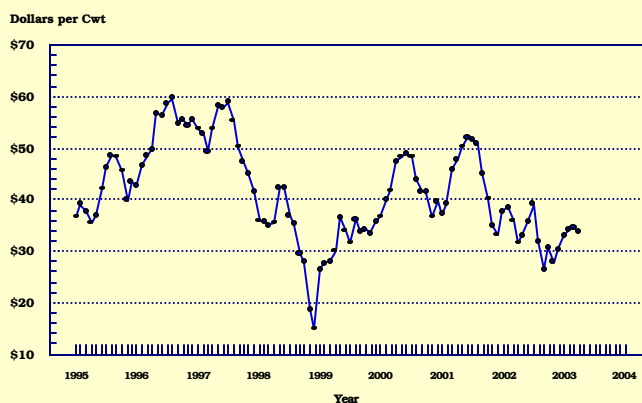
Prices Received, Wheat, US



Prices Received, Corn, US



Prices Received, Hogs, US



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